

Notice of Allowability

Application No.	Applicant(s)	
09/975,419	KIM ET AL.	
Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 11/01/2006.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,3,4,5, 21,22,23,24,25 renumbered as 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10, respectively.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
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- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
 Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
 of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
 Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Based upon the response to Election/Restriction filed on 03/20/2006, applicant selected Group I: Claims 1 – 5, and 21 – 25 classified in Class 370, Subclass 335 for further prosecution, and applicant cancelled Group II: Claims 6 – 20, classified in Class 370, Subclass 331.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 6 – 20 (Group II) directed to controlling a diversity of data transmitted during the soft handover process between base stations and mobile units non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 6 – 20 been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1 – 5, and 21 – 25 are allowed over prior art.

Regarding claims 1 and 21, the prior art of record, in single or in combination, do not disclose explicitly the limitation of a first adder for adding the first weight spread.

signal to the third weighted spread signal, and transmitting the added signal through the first antenna, and a second adder for adding the second weighted spread signal to the fourth weighted spread signal, and transmitting the added signal through the second antenna. Regarding claims 4 and 24, the prior art of record, in single or in combination, do not disclose explicitly the limitation of a transmit antenna array (TxA) weight generator for generating a TxA weight for applying to the downlink shared channel and the dedicated channel by receiving the first despread signal and the second despread signal, wherein the TxA weight is determined more by the first Node B than by the second Node B; and a transmitter for generating feedback information including the TxA weight and transmitting the generated feedback information to the first Node B and the second Node B.

4. Additionally, all of the further limitations in claims 2, 3, 5, 22, 23, 25 are allowable since the claims are dependent upon the independent claims, respectively.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew C. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-3131. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30am - 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wing Chan can be reached on (571) 272-7493. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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